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SUBJECT: EXIMBANK VISIT

REF: 77 STATE 308278

1. WELCOME EXIMBANK VISIT, BUT AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED IN TELCON, SHORT PERIOD OF STAY IN KUWAIT (WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING) WILL PRECLUDE SOME, AND PERHAPS ALL OF APPOINTMENTS REQUESTED. KFTCIC IS OPEN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS, AND AT THE MOMENT THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY PROBLEM IN CALLING ON AL-KAZIMI BETWEEN 4 AND 7. 0935 DEPARTURE ON IRAN AIR FLIGHT 408 THURSDAY, JAN. 26 PRECLUDES ANY THURSDAY A.M. MEETINGS. SINCE BOTH KFAED AND ARAB FUND CLOSE AT 1:30 ON WEDNESDAY AND SINCE TEAM NOT ARRIVING UNTIL 1135 WEDNESDAY MORNING, THE MOST WE CAN HOPE FOR IT MEETING WITH ONE OF THESE TWO FUNDS. AS FDAED'S AL-HAMAD IS LIKELY TO BE TIED UP WITH IBRD PRESIDENT MCNAMARA, WHO IS DUE IN FOR ONE DAY VISIT TO KUWAIT JAN. 25, WE WILL ATTEMPT 1 P.M. APPOINTMENT WITH APPROPRIATE ARAB FUND OFFICIAL OTHER THAN JAROUDI, WHO WILL BE OUT OF KUWAIT JAN. 25.

2. BEST HOTEL RESERVATIONS WE COULD OBTAIN WERE SINGLE AND DOUBLE AT HILTON. EMBASSY DRIVER WILL MEET AND TAKE TEAM TO HILTON, THENCE TO EMBASSY.

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3. IRAN AIR OFFICE HERE (NOT ABC BOOK) TELLS US THAT IT IS AT LEAST THEORETICALLY POSSIBLE TO REACH TEHRAN LATER ON THURSDAY BY TAKING IRAN AIR FLIGHT 600 LEAVING KUWAIT THURSDAY EVENING (JAN. 26) AT 2040, ARRIVING ABADAN 2205, THEN CHANGING TO ANOTHER IRAN AIR FLIGHT (402), LEAVING ABADAN 2250, ARRIVING TEHRAN 2355. SUCH A

PROCEDURE OF COURSE INVOLVES RISK OF MISSING CONNECTIONS,
AS WELL AS LOST LUGGAGE. IF EXIM TEAM WILLING TO RISK THIS
OR EMBASSY TEHRAN FEELS ALTERNATE ROUTE NOT THAT RISKY,
WE WILL TRY FOR APPOINTMENT WITH AL-HAMAD OR OTHER SUITABLE
KFAED OFFICIAL FOR MORNING JAN. 26.

4. CONFIRMATION OF RESERVATIONS MADE OUTSIDE OF KUWAIT
NOT POSSIBLE HERE UNTIL 72 HOURS BEFORE DEPARTURE.
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